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Drug Distributor Sentenced On Federal Drug Offense

Washington, D.C. - Acting United States Attorney Channing D. Phillips announced that Carol Samoun, 24, of Annandale Virginia, was sentenced to 20 months of incarceration for Unlawful Possession with Intent to Distribute Heroin today by U.S. District Judge John D. Bates. The charge originated from the execution of a search warrant at Samoun's boyfriend, Stacy Moore, residence. Moore will be sentenced on June 19, 2009.

According to the government's evidence, on Tuesday August 19, 2008, at approximately 2:59 am, at 2215 Hunter Place, SE., Washington, D.C., unit 204, members of the Metropolitan Police Department NSID Gun Recovery Unit and agents from the Drug Enforcement Administration served a D.C. Superior Court Search Warrant. While inside unit 204, the officers discovered defendant Carol Samoun and co-defendant Stacy Anthony Moore in the back bedroom. Co-defendant Moore was found on the bed and defendant Samoun was found next to a closet in the same bedroom. Defendant Samoun and co-defendant Moore were immediately placed into custody. In a further search of the bedroom, the officers found \$7,773.00 in U.S. Currency which was seized from the top of the same night stand. Pictures of both defendants and paperwork tying defendant Moore to the listed location were also seized from the location. Seized from inside the kitchen cabinet was a large freezer bag containing approximately 286 grams of large compressed white powder substance which tested to be cocaine. Additionally, seized from inside the residence were various amounts of other controlled substances and from the kitchen cabinet was a sandwich bag containing brown compressed powder 33.5 grams which tested to be heroin. Moreover, seized from inside the residence were various drug paraphernalia used to distribute controlled substances, such as, a box containing several empty one ounce bottles, a trash bag containing suspected packaging for cocaine, three digital scales, two money counting machines, and baking soda and manitol - used as cutting agents for cocaine.

In announcing the guilty verdicts, Acting U.S. Attorney Phillips, commended Drug Enforcement Administration Special Agents Luke McGuire, Tim McGrath, and Luis Burgos, and Metropolitan Police Department Officers Ryan Roe, Jeffrey Masalona, Herb Leboo, Desiree Walker, Kirk Del Po and Sgt. Justine Truby, and Diplomatic Security Services Special Agent Tim Alexandre, for their work on the investigation of this case. In addition, Acting U.S. Attorney Phillips also commended legal assistant Tammy Scott, as well as Intelligence Research Specialist Sharon Johnson, and Paralegal Specialist Candace Battle who assisted in the investigation and prosecution. Finally, Acting U.S. Attorney Phillips praised Assistant U.S. Attorney Emory V. Cole, who investigated and prosecuted this matter.

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